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Prall et al.

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TUNGSTEN/TITANIUM CONTACT PLUGS STRAPPED WITH METAL INTERCONNECT AND METHOD OF

MANUFACTURE

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AMENDMENT

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Sir:

This amendment is in response to the final Office Action of August 28, 2002 whose initial period of response is set to expire on November 28, 2002.